

MICHIGAN WASTE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

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HB 4484

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Thank you madam chair and committee members for the opportunity to testify before you today. As stated MWIA stands opposed to HB 4484 in its current form. I will try to lay out for you the issues of major concern.

On page 2 of the legislation as introduced the first line talks about LANDFILL DISPOSAL CAPACITY. This term is not defined in statute but rather in proposed legislation more specifically HB 4485. Is it the intent to tie-bar the two bills together? If not how do we know what "LANDFILL DISPOSAL CAPACITY" means if HB 4485 does not become law?

On page 2 line 12 begins a paragraph on reporting. Who is "A PERSON WHO ACCEPTS ..."? Is this the hauler? The material recovery facility? This should be clarified to avoid double reporting. Line 17 reporting "THE AMOUNT OF EACH TYPE OF RECYCLABLE MATERIAL" will be a problem. Residential recycling programs are more and more being picked up in a commingled or single stream manor. These materials in some instances are hauled to large processing facilities, in state and out of state, that further commingle them with other loads prior to separation. We may know the total tonnage of the material but not by each type. Commercial and Industrial reporting in this paragraph has no provision to protect confidential trade information.

On page 3 line 10 and following talks about the "AMOUNT OF EACH TYPE". Once again we do not have these numbers broke down to this extent. It is unclear how the operators of these facilities would go about getting this detailed information.

On page 4 line 15 and following requires reporting "INCLUDING ORGANIC MATERIAL" by the ton. Does this mean all compost facilities, privately or municipally owned must install a scale?

On page 5 line 21 and following talks about a comprehensive planning system that "REFLECTS THE STATE'S SOLID WASTE POLICY UNDER SECTION 11541(1)". Does this mean everyone does everything the same? One size fits all? Additionally the reference to "SECTION 11541(1)" is confusing in that the section of existing law that is referred to is talking about the State solid waste management plan not the solid waste policy.

On page 6 line 2 and following encourages once again issues regard by industry as a taking of private property with out requiring just compensation.

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